

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – January 13, 2020

Present: Richard Bielefield, Margo Connors, John Strasser  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Road Agent Doug Glover, Engineer Red McCarthy

**Motion to enter Nonpublic Session** made by Dick Bielefield seconded by John Strasser

**Specific Statutory Reason** cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

RSA 91-A:3, II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.  
(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

**Roll Call vote** to enter nonpublic session: John Strasser – Yes, Margo Connors-Yes, Richard Bielefield-Yes

**Entered nonpublic session** at 3:30pm.

Motion to seal the minutes made by Margo Connors, seconded John Strasser, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective.

**Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:** Richard Bielefield – Yes, Margo Connors – Yes, John Strasser-Yes

**Motion: PASSED**

**Motion to leave nonpublic session** at 5:00 pm., by Margo Connors seconded by Dick Bielefield.

**Motion: PASSED**

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to appoint Margo Connors as an alternate ex officio for the Planning Board, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed. MR. STRASSER made a motion to appoint Dick Bielefield as an alternate ex official for the Planning Board, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed. This will allow one Select Board member to be present and a voting member if Mr. Strasser is not able to attend.

The board discussed a letter from the Save Forest Lake group in regard to the current contract that has trash going to the Casella Landfill. The town belongs to the Pemi-Baker District Solid Waste District.

The board received a request from the Boys and Girls Club to increase their request for assistance from \$1500 to \$2500 at the 2020 Town Meeting. The board will include the request as a separate warrant article. The board will not include a request from the Plymouth Bridge House for assistance.

The board met with Red McCarthy and Road Agent Douglas Glover to discuss the Crane Hill Bridge. Mr. McCarthy presented the board with recent pictures of the underside of the bridge. Red had Michie Corporation look at the abutments. They do not look sound enough to support the bridge, a lot of surface deterioration and erosion of concrete. The seat areas that the bridge rest on need to be repaired. The stream side faces of the abutments are severely deteriorated and require extensive repairs. The structural engineer made a general observation that due to deterioration of the steel members that rehabbing the bridge may be impractical. Mr. McCarthy met with Chris Fournier of HEB Engineering to discuss bridge placement and also to clarify information in the reports they have submitted. He discussed with them location of a new bridge and the raising of the road. They discussed the access to both sides of the bridge. Could look to get an easement from the Ski Hearth Farm property. Red spoke with Ray Lobdell in regard to a standard permit that would allow the town to dig out the sandbar and lower the flow of the river. It appears to fix the existing bridge would be just as expensive as a new. The discussion centered on doing less rehab to the bridge and bringing it to a lesser standard. Bridge costs have now increased approximately 30% due to the steel tariffs. The board discussed doing nothing and cleaning up what is there. Red will get out and speak with other companies in regard to a design and build. The cost for a new bridge that serves so few people was also discussed. Red will get back to the board with additional information.

The board received a letter from Dennis McFadden the town representative to the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee. The Committee is requesting a donation for 2020 expenses. A copy of the committee's meeting schedule is on the town bulletin board and all are welcome to attend.

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**Roll Call vote** to enter nonpublic session: John Strasser – Yes, Margo Connors-Yes, Richard Bielefield-Yes

**Entered nonpublic session** at 6:15pm.

Motion to seal the minutes made by Margo Connors, seconded John Strasser, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective

**Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:** John Strasser – Yes, Margo Connors – Yes, Richard Bielefield-Yes

**Motion: PASSED**

**Motion to leave nonpublic session** and return to public session at 7:00 pm., by John Strasser seconded by Margo Connors. **Motion: PASSED**

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday January 27, 2020 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30pm. The board will meet in non-public session (RSA 91-A:3, II (b)), on Monday January 20, 2020 at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant